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"Expect the best, plan for the worst, and prepare to be surprised."

Denis Waitley



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- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

New Jersey enters into agreement with Target for disaster help

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/new-jersey-enters-into-agreement-with-target-for-disaster-help/article_387cec9a-2838-565d-9972-13ef8225080d.html

Vermont Rebounding Quickly From Hurricane Irene

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/06/us/vermont-rebounding-from-hurricane-irene.html?hpw>

Report: Conn. utility not prepared for Oct. storm

<http://www.homeland1.com/business-continuity/articles/1191965-Report-Conn-utility-not-prepared-for-Oct-storm/>

Gov. Jindal taps Davis for emergency job (Louisiana)

<http://www.dailyworld.com/article/20111201/NEWS01/112010313/Gov-Jindal-taps-Davis-emergency-job>

Weather siren system caught in funding gap (Alabama)

<http://annistonstar.com/bookmark/16586463>

App Helps Drivers Stranded in Winter Storms Contact Help

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/App-Helps-Drivers-Stranded-Winter-Storms.html>

OPM Director John Berry Discusses Updated 2012 Dismissal and Closure Procedures

<http://www.opm.gov/news/opm-director-john-berry-discusses-updated-2012-dismissal-and-closure-procedures,1741.aspx>

Vital utilities vulnerable to hacking

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21228415.400-vital-utilities-vulnerable-to-hacking.html>

US agents laundered drug money: report

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-agents-laundered-drug-money-report-180012421.html>

Postwar Marines: smaller, less focused on land war

<http://news.yahoo.com/postwar-marines-smaller-less-focused-land-war-132241513.html>

Sovereign Citizen Targets Supreme Court Chief Justice and FBI Director

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2011/11/29/sovereign-citizen-targets-supreme-court-chief-justice-and-fbi-director/>

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Is Antiterrorism Training Keeping Up With the Diverging Threat?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Antiterrorism-Training-Keeping-Up-Diverging-Threat.html>

Palestinian terror lawsuit touches rural Pa. town

<http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/1193021-Palestinian-terror-lawsuit-touches-rural-Pa-town/>

National Guard deployment on U.S.-Mexico border has mixed results

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/national-guard-deployment-on-us-mexico-border-has-mixed-results/2011/11/21/gIQAly6qXO_story.html?hpid=z1

Missile component damaged in accident (North Dakota)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/missile-component-damaged-in-accident/2011/12/05/gIQArdroXO_story.html?hpid=z1

Pastor who burned Koran asked to stay away from UC Irvine (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-1202-uci-jones-20111202,0,5934859.story>

Napolitano says lone wolf terror threat growing

<http://news.yahoo.com/napolitano-says-lone-wolf-terror-threat-growing-175231790.html>

Colleges Learn Crisis Management Strategies from Federal Models

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Colleges-Learn-Crisis-Management-Strategies-From-Federal-Models.html>

Virginia Tech seeks to block fine in shooting case

<http://news.yahoo.com/virginia-tech-seeks-block-fine-shooting-case-150305825.html>

Hampshire vet spreads the word on service dogs

<http://www.dailymherald.com/article/20111201/news/712019886/>

After the wind, a tidy Pasadena neighborhood pulls together

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-wind-scene-20111202,0,7639997.story>

BP says Halliburton destroyed Gulf spill evidence

<http://news.yahoo.com/bp-says-halliburton-destroyed-gulf-spill-evidence-212654957.html>

Dam failure maps to remain public (Georgia)

<http://newstimes.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-11-12/dam-failure-maps-to-remain-public>

FCC to review BART cell service shutdown policy (California)

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57336077/fcc-to-review-bart-cell-service-shutdown-policy/?tag=cbsnewsLeadStoriesAreaMain

Expert: Mexico glyphs don't predict apocalypse

<http://news.yahoo.com/expert-mexico-glyphs-dont-predict-apocalypse-040313881.html>

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To clear Occupy camp, LAPD uses new tactics (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-occupy-main-20111201,0,4122942.story>

With changes, the grid can take it

<http://www.physorg.com/news/2011-12-grid.html>

Home burns while firefighters watch, again (Tennessee)

<http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/local/Home-burns-while-firefighters-watch-again-135069773.html>

App helps emergency crews ID toxic chemicals

<http://qcn.com/articles/2011/12/05/agq-chemm-ist-chemical-exposure-tool.aspx>

Clinton moves to inject new urgency into bioweapon concerns at Geneva event

http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=49469&sid=60

Zero-tolerance blitz on firebreaks starts today (Australia)

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/regional/goldfields/a/-/news/12244145/zero-tolerance-blitz-on-firebreaks-starts-today/>

China 'ill-prepared' for unrest, says security chief

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-16026607>

Mysterious blasts, slayings suggest covert efforts in Iran

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-iran-bomb-20111205,0,7550482.story>

The Broader View: Why communicating with disaster-struck communities matters

<http://www.unocha.org/top-stories/all-stories/broader-view-why-communicating-disaster-struck-communities-matters>

Calgary Homeless Foundation: Agencies Work Together on Winter Emergency Response Plan (Canada)

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Calgary-Homeless-Foundation-iw-1608999859.html>

After tsunami, Japanese believe waves less deadly

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57337783/after-tsunami-japanese-believe-waves-less-deadly/?tag=cbsnewsLeadStoriesAreaMain

'Looking through the window of opportunity and seeing gender equality'

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=23864&a=email>

Japan to set up emergency gas power stations in 60 parks across Tokyo

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/8920000/Japan-to-set-up-emergency-gas-power-stations-in-60-parks-across-Tokyo.html>

Scientists seek solutions to rising costs of drought

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/scientists-seek-solutions-to-rising-costs-of-drought/>

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Japan Split on Hope for Vast Radiation Cleanup

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/07/world/asia/japans-huge-nuclear-cleanup-makes-returning-home-a-goal.html?_r=2&hp

Two days in the life of an urban flood expert (Thailand)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94367>

Vaccine developed against Ebola

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-16011748>

INTERVIEW: Horn of Africa crisis may last to summer - EU official

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/interview-horn-of-africa-crisis-may-last-to-summer-eu-official/>

UN: Syria now in a civil war

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45514855/ns/world_news-mideast_n_africa/

Inupiat Community Sues Companies over Ravages of Climate Change (Alaska)

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2011/12/01/inupiat-community-sues-companies-over-ravages-of-climate-change-65152>

U.N. chief: Major climate deal unlikely

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/story/2011-12-06/climate-change-conference-durban-south-africa/51675778/1>

Big Solar Project Moves Forward Without Uncle Sam

<http://www.npr.org/2011/11/30/142935396/big-solar-project-moves-forward-without-uncle-sam>

Idea of a cold fusion plant in Massachusetts explored

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45557227/ns/technology_and_science-science/

Sedalia Social Media- Video (Missouri)

http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/6666

Random Hacks of Kindness Global Event- Video

<http://fyvr.net/rhok-global.php>

Improvements in Emergency Preparedness since Hurricane Katrina- Video

<http://evacuteer.org/improvements-in-emergency-preparedness-s>

EMForum.org Transcript: The Rad Resilient City Initiative

<http://www.emforum.org/vforum/lc111130.htm>

FEMA, National Preparedness System

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/prepared/nps_description.pdf

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FEMA Blog, a Long Overdue Policy Change to Recognize the Sovereignty of Tribal Governments
<http://blog.fema.gov/2011/12/long-overdue-policy-change-to-recognize.html>

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

New Jersey enters into agreement with Target for disaster help

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/new-jersey-enters-into-agreement-with-target-for-disaster-help/article_387cec9a-2838-565d-9972-13ef8225080d.html

VEM director reassigned in wake of Irene (Vermont)

<http://www.wcax.com/story/16164014/vem-director-removed-in-wake-of-irene>

Vermont Rebounding Quickly From Hurricane Irene

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/06/us/vermont-rebounding-from-hurricane-irene.html?hpw>

State cuts to hazmat will hurt Coulee Region (Wisconsin)

http://lacrossetribune.com/vernonbroadcaster/news/opinion/editorial/columnists/state-cuts-to-hazmat-will-hurt-coulee-region/article_8bd15e9a-1b6a-11e1-8074-001cc4c002e0.html

Report: Conn. utility not prepared for Oct. storm

<http://www.homeland1.com/business-continuity/articles/1191965-Report-Conn-utility-not-prepared-for-Oct-storm/>

Season ends; Irene's effects linger (North Carolina)

<http://carteretnewstimes.com/articles/2011/12/03/news-times/news/doc4ed922744221d082000923.txt>

Gov. Jindal taps Davis for emergency job (Louisiana)

<http://www.dailyworld.com/article/20111201/NEWS01/112010313/Gov-Jindal-taps-Davis-emergency-job>

Weather siren system caught in funding gap (Alabama)

<http://annistonstar.com/bookmark/16586463>

City of Houston Emergency Management Launches Mobile Website (Texas)

<http://www.houstongovnewsroom.org/go/doc/2155/1215703/>

Brooklyn Military Drill Tests Response to Hypothetical Attack (New York)

<http://www.ny1.com/content/151845/brooklyn-military-drill-tests-response-to-hypothetical-attack>

App Helps Drivers Stranded in Winter Storms Contact Help

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/App-Helps-Drivers-Stranded-Winter-Storms.html>

Cal EMA Acting Secretary Praises Orange County Firefighters following MOBEX

<http://calemanews.wordpress.com/2011/12/05/cal-ema-acting-secretary-praises-orange-county-firefighters-following-mobex/>

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County supervisors slam Edison for response to power outage (California)
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/12/edison-slammed-for-response-to-power-outage.html>

Disaster drill derailed by disasters
<http://fcw.com/articles/2011/11/30/national-level-exercise-audit.aspx>

Mobile App Encourages Preparedness in Arlington (Virginia)
<http://www.arlnow.com/2011/11/22/mobile-app-encourages-preparedness-in-arlington/>

OPM Director John Berry Discusses Updated 2012 Dismissal and Closure Procedures
<http://www.opm.gov/news/opm-director-john-berry-discusses-updated-2012-dismissal-and-closure-procedures,1741.aspx>

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

Senate passes defense bill with detainee policy compromise

http://www.cnn.com/2011/12/01/politics/senate-detainee-policy/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

After Duty, Dogs Suffer Like Soldiers

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/02/us/more-military-dogs-show-signs-of-combat-stress.html?_r=1&hp

Vital utilities vulnerable to hacking

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21228415.400-vital-utilities-vulnerable-to-hacking.html>

Plant to Make Fertilizer That Eases a Threat

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/03/business/energy-environment/new-factory-to-make-fertilizer-that-is-less-useful-in-creating-bombs.html?hpw>

US agents laundered drug money: report

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-agents-laundered-drug-money-report-180012421.html>

CG crash survivor faces charges in deadly incident (Alaska)

<http://news.yahoo.com/cg-crash-survivor-faces-charges-deadly-incident-163127666.html>

Postwar Marines: smaller, less focused on land war

<http://news.yahoo.com/postwar-marines-smaller-less-focused-land-war-132241513.html>

Major Nativist Extremist Group May Be at End of its Rope

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2011/12/02/major-nativist-extremist-group-may-be-at-end-of-its-rope/>

White Supremacist David Duke to be booted from yet another Country

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2011/11/30/white-supremacist-david-duke-to-be-booted-from-yet-another-country/>

Sovereign Citizen Targets Supreme Court Chief Justice and FBI Director

<http://www.splcenter.org/blog/2011/11/29/sovereign-citizen-targets-supreme-court-chief-justice-and-fbi-director/>

Homeland Security pitches new spy towers on sovereign Tohono O'odham land

<http://narcosphere.narconews.com/notebook/brenda-norrell/2011/11/homeland-security-pitches-new-spy-towers-sovereign-tohono-oodham-land>

State's Homeland Security Office transfers to State Police headquarters (Pennsylvania)

http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/States-Homeland-Security-Office-transfers-to/fwJkFI9e9U6_osD-yII2pA.csp?rss=50

Questions swirl around \$6 billion nuclear lab

<http://news.yahoo.com/questions-swirl-around-6-billion-nuclear-lab-160212259.html>

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62nd Medical Brigade certified for homeland response mission

<http://www.jtfcs.northcom.mil/News/2011/111115.aspx>

House Bill Seeks Exchange of Information to Boost Cybersecurity

http://www.hstoday.us/index.php?id=95%20&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=20180%20&cHash=a0f4a92dac93a7315c372217e70a79bd

Is Antiterrorism Training Keeping Up With the Diverging Threat?

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/training/Antiterrorism-Training-Keeping-Up-Diverging-Threat.html>

U.S. vacating air base in Pakistan after troop deaths

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/12/05/world/asia/pakistan-us-military/index.html?on.cnn=1>

Palestinian terror lawsuit touches rural Pa. town

<http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/1193021-Palestinian-terror-lawsuit-touches-rural-Pa-town/>

National Guard deployment on U.S.-Mexico border has mixed results

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/national-guard-deployment-on-us-mexico-border-has-mixed-results/2011/11/21/gIQAlY6qXO_story.html?hpid=z1

Missile component damaged in accident (North Dakota)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/missile-component-damaged-in-accident/2011/12/05/gIQARdroXO_story.html?hpid=z1

North Korea making missile able to hit U.S.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/dec/5/north-korea-making-missile-able-to-hit-us/>

TSA Must Improve Quality, Distribution of Threat Info, GAO Says

<http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/today-s-news-analysis/single-article/tsa-must-improve-quality-distribution-of-threat-info-gao-says/b13875655f0f0b260e0bd21f97361573.html>

Lawmakers Blast Administration for Calling Fort Hood Massacre 'Workplace Violence'

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/12/06/military-growing-terrorist-target-lawmakers-warn/>

Pastor who burned Koran asked to stay away from UC Irvine (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-1202-uci-jones-20111202,0,5934859.story>

Kentucky church votes to ban interracial couples

<http://news.yahoo.com/kentucky-church-votes-ban-interracial-couples-003419318.html>

Napolitano says lone wolf terror threat growing

<http://news.yahoo.com/napolitano-says-lone-wolf-terror-threat-growing-175231790.html>

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Campus Safety and Security

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Virginia Tech seeks to block fine in shooting case

<http://news.yahoo.com/virginia-tech-seeks-block-fine-shooting-case-150305825.html>

Beach college security bill clears N.J. Senate committee

http://www.nj.com/camden/index.ssf/2011/12/beach_college_security_bill_cl.html

St. Vincent student charged after 'perfect storm' of events (Pennsylvania)

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s_770196.html

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Functional Needs

Hampshire vet spreads the word on service dogs

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20111201/news/712019886/>

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Hazard Research and News

A Debate Over Who Regulates Gas 'Fracking' In Pa.

<http://www.npr.org/2011/11/30/142948831/a-debate-over-who-regulates-gas-fracking-in-penn>

Saltwater affects earthquake activity on San Andreas Fault

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45497020/ns/technology_and_science-science/

Lobster tag lost in 'Perfect Storm' hops Atlantic

<http://news.yahoo.com/lobster-tag-lost-perfect-storm-hops-atlantic-182823339.html>

Texas towns find fast solutions to water problems

<http://news.yahoo.com/texas-towns-fast-solutions-water-problems-170139408.html>

Unusual weather system produces destructive winds (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-winds-science-20111202,0,1624581.story>

After the wind, a tidy Pasadena neighborhood pulls together

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-wind-scene-20111202,0,7639997.story>

Russian tanker to carry fuel to Nome (Alaska)

<http://news.yahoo.com/apnewsbreak-russian-tanker-carry-fuel-nome-214525507.html>

BP says Halliburton destroyed Gulf spill evidence

<http://news.yahoo.com/bp-says-halliburton-destroyed-gulf-spill-evidence-212654957.html>

CDC Kicks Off National Influenza Vaccination Week

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/abc-blogs/cdc-kicks-off-national-influenza-vaccination-week-204335079.html>

W.Va. mine disaster deal could boost safety in industry

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2011-12-06/big-branch-west-virginia-mine-explosion-settlement/51675316/1?loc=interstitialskip>

Indiana gives \$300K to some stage collapse victims

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2011-12-06/indiana-fair-stage-collapse-compensation/51678306/1>

Science journalist apologizes for Newsweek quake article

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45572057/ns/technology_and_science-science/

Dam failure maps to remain public (Georgia)

<http://newstimes.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-11-12/dam-failure-maps-to-remain-public>

Ohio nuclear plant with cracked building can open

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